



Department of Occupational Therapy

Policy 16.0. *Student Dress Code*

POLICY PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for student dress code.

POLICY STATEMENT

Students must follow professional dress requirements at all educational activities, including daily lectures, laboratory activities, fieldworks, community service and service learning.

PROCESS + PROCEDURE

1. From the first day of orientation, students are representing the Department of Occupational Therapy and the profession. Students are expected to dress in attire that appears neat and professional, thus demonstrating respect for the program, clients, and profession.
2. *Items that are considered professional include:* dress slacks, top-of-the-knee length or longer skirts, khakis, top-of-the-knee length or longer dresses, dress jeans, 5 inch inseam or longer non-denim shorts, button-down blouses/shirts, collared blouses/shirts, and polo shirts.
3. *Items that are considered unprofessional include:* jeans that are ripped, workout/gym attire, oversized clothing, visible undergarments, low rise pants, strapless tops, or exposed midriffs. Clothing with logos or slogans that pertain to alcohol, sex, and sorority/fraternity parties are not professional attire and are not permitted. Ladies should pay close attention to the length of their dresses especially during any event where stage presence is possible.
4. *For laboratory and fieldwork experiences specifically:* Students with pierced ears should wear small stud earrings. Dangling earrings or hoops are not permitted for safety reasons during laboratory activities and fieldwork experiences. Avoidance of perfumes and after shaves is strongly recommended. Shoes should be closed toe, closed heel, non-slip, and flat heeled for safety. Clothing should not restrict movement. Scrubs or causal dress for laboratory and fieldwork experiences may be appropriate and is at the discretion of the course faculty and fieldwork site to determine.



5. *Additional* dress code may be required in a particular clinic or fieldwork site. It is the student's responsibility to check with the clinic for dress code requirements before attending. Fieldwork sites have the right to refuse a student for inappropriate dress.
6. Faculty have the right to have specific dress requirements for class including professional business dress for visitors. Please refer to individual faculty syllabi for these requirements.

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